(iv) All Southern States are to cover their villages by VPTs by 2001.

(v) A committee under MOS(C) has been set up to identify technologies appropriate to the need of the country.

(vi) A committee under Advisor (O) has been set up to suggest ways and means to provide world class service in big cities.

(vii) Pagers have been supplied to line staff for speedy clearance of faults in all State capitals.

Raid on Bengali T.V. channel owner's offices

974. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a raid was conducted on a Bengali T.V. channel owner's all offices in the country;

(b) the reasons for the recovery being not as expected; and

(c) whether there was any case of suspected leakage of information from local sources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the search proceedings undisclosed income of Rs. 23,10,684/was admitted. Total Income is, however, yet to be determined under the provisions of the Income Tax Act.

(c) No, Sir.

Charges levelled against former Revenue Secretary

975. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the suspended Additional Commissioner of Income Tax has accused the former Revenue Secretary and present Secretary to PM of gross criminal misconduct in connection with Voluntary Disclosure of Income Scheme (VDIS);

(b) if so, the details of the charges made;

(c) whether Government would have these charges inquired into by a suitable investigating agency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR) : (a) to (d) Media has reported some statements by an officer of the Income Tax department presently under suspension which, among other things, contain criticism of the Voluntary Disclosure of Income Scheme (VDIS) and its implementation. The question of inquiring into such statements does not arise.

Revenue realization in the current year

976. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the trend of revenue realisation in the current financial year under Income Tax, Corporation Tax, Central Excise and Customs; and

(b) what are the details of the tax realization alongwith the figures in the corresponding period of the previous financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR) : (a) Sir, the trend of revenue collection during the current financial year upto June, 2000 as compared to the same period last year, shows an increase.

(b) The details are as under :

(Rs. in crore)

	Collection during April—June, 2000	Collection during April—June, 1999	%age Increase
			(Rs. in crore)
Income Tax	5951	4012	48.3%
Corporation Tax	4686	2670	75.5%
Central Excise	14350	12663	13.3%
Customs	11659	10489	11.2%